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NEW STATE UNIVERSITY
OPENS IN KIRGIZ SSR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

The Ministry of Higher Education USSR has announced the opening of the USSR's 34th university, the Kirgiz State University in Frunze. The new university began operation on 1 September 1951; its establishment now gives each of the 16 union republics at least one state university.(1)

The new university formed through the reorganization of the Kirgiz Pedagogical Institute imeni M. V. Frunze, has five faculties -- history, philology, physics and mathematics, geology and geography, and biology and soil science, and 32 chairs (kafedry). In addition to the buildings taken over from the pedagogical institute, the university received a new dormitory housing 400 students. (2)

The university has an estimated enrollment of 2,100 students. Prior to its reorganization, the Kirgiz Pedagogical Institute had a student body of over 2,000 (3), and graduated 312 at the end of the 1950 - 1951 school year (4). The pedagogical institute's second-, third-, and fourth-year students are to complete their studies at the university (5), together with 400 new students chosen through competitive examinations from among 1,018 applicants.(2) Of the 400 new students, 250 are Kirgiz.(6)

The Physics and Mathematics Faculty received the greatest number of new students -- 125. The Biology and Soil Science Faculty enrolled 75 new students in its chairs of soil science, zoology, and botany.

The bulk of the new university's teaching staff is made up of former instructors of the pedagogical institute; in addition, the Ministry of Higher Education USSR assigned several new instructors to the university. The staff includes a corresponding member of the Academy of Artillery Sciences USSR, five professors who hold the degree of doctor of sciences, and 39 docents with the degree of candidate in sciences. Former graduates of the Kirgiz Pedagogical Institute are well represented on the university's staff: they include one professor with the degree of doctor of sciences, 11 docents with the degree of candidate in sciences, and 38 instructors and senior instructors.

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The USSR government appropriated 6 million rubles for equipment for the new university. Of that sum, 3.5 million rubles are to go for scientific and laboratory equipment, and 1.5 million for general school equipment and furniture for student dormitories. Of the 3.5 million rubles designated for scientific and laboratory equipment, about 2 million are intended for the Physics and Mathematics Faculty and over one million for the Biology and Soil Science Faculty. In contrast to the 2 million rubles to be spent for equipment for the Physics and Mathematics Faculty of the new university, a total of 350,000-400,000 rubles was spent for physics laboratory equipment for the Kirgiz Pedagogical Institute during the entire 15 years of its existence.

The Physics and Mathematics Faculty is to have under it a number of well-equipped laboratories in such fields as optics, X-ray analysis, radio engineering, hydraulic engineering, etc.(2)

The new university will have a library of 65,000 volumes, a 150-seat reading room, plus special study rooms under each of the faculties.(7)

A formal meeting, dedicated to the opening of the new university, was held in Frunze on 30 August 1951, and was attended by representatives of party, trade union, scientific, and academic organizations.(8)

Rector of the new university is B. D. Dzhamgyrchinov, Doctor of Historical Sciences.

The Physics and Mathematics Faculty is headed by Docent G. A. Sukhomlin, Candidate in Physicomathematical Sciences.

The Biology and Soil Science Faculty is headed by Docent D. P. Stepanenko, Candidate in Agricultural Sciences.

The Geology and Geography Faculty is headed by B. A. Lunin, Candidate in Geographical Sciences.

The Philology Faculty is headed by N. A. Al'piyev, Candidate in Philological Sciences.

The History Faculty is headed by B. M. Zimma, Candidate in Historical Sciences.

The head of the Chair of Philosophy is M. S. Dzhunusov, Candidate in Philosophical Sciences.

The head of the Chair of Theoretical Physics is Prof F. I. Frenkel', Doctor of Physicomathematical Sciences. Frenkel', who recently arrived from Moscow (9), is an expert in aerodynamics and hydrodynamics, and will head the hydraulic engineering laboratory.(2)

The head of the Chair of Foreign Literature is Ye. Ye. Slashchev, Candidate in Philological Sciences.

The head of the Chair of Russian Literature is A. N. Voshchakin, Candidate in Philological Sciences.

The head of the Chair of Higher Algebra is Ya. V. Bykov, Candidate in Physicomathematical Sciences.

The head of the Chair of Economic Geography is M. M. Kartavov, Candidate in Geographical Sciences.

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The head of the Chair of Chemistry is Docent S. A. Arbayev.(9)

The head of the Chair of Human Anatomy and Physiology is A. S. Ushakov.

Other members of the university staff include G. I. Khorolets, Candidate in Philological Sciences, and Yarygin, Candidate in Philosophical Sciences, who together with Frenkel' and Slashchev, was among the qualified instructors assigned to the university by the Ministry of Higher Education USSR.(2)

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